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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO MOSCOW FROM SEOUL

12 NOV 73:

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1. UNDER HEADLINES READING QUOTE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL KOREAN-SOVIET CONFERENCE UNQUOTE, ROK PRESS NOV 12 HAS ANNOUNCED A MEETING LAST AUGUST BETWEEN AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN AND AMBASSADOR KIM DONG JO IN WASHINGTON. ACCORDING STORIES, MEETING REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE AT HOME OF FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL ELIOT RICHARDSON DURING SOCIAL EVENT IN WHICH KIM AND DOBRYNIN ONLY FOREIGN AMBASSADORS INVITED.

2. PRESS ACCOUNTS, CONSISTING OF HAPDONG DISPATCH AND INDEPENDENT STORIES FILED BY TONGA ILBO AND CHUNGANG ILBO REPORTERS, DIFFER ON SUBSTANCE OF TALKS BUT STATE THAT KIM HAS ADMITTED THE CONTACT TOOK PLACE AND THAT "NO THIRD PARTY" WAS PRESENT. ACCORDING TO HAPDONG, WHICH QUOTED WELL INFORMED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, KIM EXPLAINED THE ROK'S JUNE 23 FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE TO DOBRYNIN,
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WHO WAS CAUTIOUS IN REPLY. KIM WOULD NOT COMMENT TO

REPORTERS ON WHAT WAS DISCUSSED BUT IS QUOTED AS SAYING
HE WILL ALSO SEEK A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR HUANG CHEN TO
SOUND OUT CHINESE ATTITUDE TOWARD ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS
TO U.U.N.

3. ACCORDING TO CHUNGANG ILBO, MOFA HAS NOT DENIED
THAT KIM MET WITH DOBRYNIN.

4. COMMENT: PRESS ACCOUNTS DO NOT INDICATE MEETING WAS
MORE THAN A SOCIAL ENCOUNTER. HABIB UNQUOTE RUSH

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